

The Pocatello Sandpiper was founded by Bob Angell in 1975 and is currently owned by Rod Russell. With two locations in Eastern Idaho, the restaurant is known for its cozy atmosphere and steak and seafood offerings. It has become a staple of the local community, garnering awards for Best Restaurant, Best Steak and Seafood, Best Fine Dining, and Best Place To Take A Date awards in the Idaho State Journal's Readers' Choice Awards.

Rod and his wife, Kathleen, have served as leaders in the local community during the pandemic. The restaurant avoided layoffs, raised wages, and provided special meals to employees and their families even though they operated at a loss. In addition to the measures taken by the restaurant, upon receiving their \$1,200 stimulus check, the Russells began thinking of ways to give back to their community. As the brother of a truckdriver, Rod heard firsthand some of the challenges facing truckers amid supply chain shortages. To show thanks to an underappreciated group of essential workers, the Pocatello Sandpiper partnered with Idaho State Police and other small businesses to provide more than 600 free meals to truckdrivers in acknowledgment of their critical work. Rod's commitment to service allowed this small business to prioritize the needs of both its employees and the community.

Congratulations to the Sandpiper in Pocatello on being selected as an Idaho Gem for the month of May. You serve as an example in your community and are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems.●

RECOGNIZING TLC FOR TOTS

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have not been easy for small business owners and their employees to overcome. Throughout the pandemic, many were forced to temporarily close their doors. Those that reopened had to innovate their business models to comply with local guidelines and public health mandates. As we turn the corner on the COVID-19 pandemic, I am proud to relaunch Support Local Gems, a statewide initiative, on May 21 to encourage Idahoans to support local small businesses in their communities. This month, as a senior member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I will honor six small businesses located throughout the State of Idaho. I am pleased to honor TLC for Tots as one of the Idaho Small Businesses of the Month for May 2021.

TLC for Tots is a family-owned childcare and preschool learning center located in Nampa, ID. In 2006, owners Dave and Elizabeth Fetzer started the business out of their home, providing individualized attention to each of its students. The business quickly outgrew its original location, relocating in 2008

to a larger facility where it remains today. The owners credit their success to their phenomenal staff who are constantly training and reeducating themselves to provide high-quality care. Additionally, TLC for Tots facilitates early intervention programs and sponsors family events to ensure the continued growth of their students.

TLC for Tots has remained committed to combating the spread of COVID-19. At its facility, temperature checks are regularly administered, daily cleanings are conducted throughout the facility, and staff were required to wear masks throughout the day during the height of the pandemic. The business provides more than a dozen jobs to the Nampa community and has been dedicated to serving local families while adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.

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RECOGNIZING FARMERS FEEDING UTAH

● Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I rise to commend the outstanding charitable efforts of the Farmers Feeding Utah campaign, a project of the Miracle of Agriculture Foundation and the Utah Farm Bureau Federation. As the pandemic brought new challenges to farmers, ranchers, and families everywhere, volunteers and community leaders across the State joined together to help our neighbors in need.

Last year, disruptions to our food security and supply chains led to uncharted economic hardship for both producers and consumers. For many, this included putting food on the table. Nevertheless, Utahns were determined to chart new opportunities for creative and charitable giving.

Recognizing an alarming increased demand in food pantries statewide, the Utah Farm Bureau Federation launched a campaign to deliver food to disadvantaged Utah families. To achieve this, the Farmers Feeding Utah program collects generous donations used to purchase commodities from Utah farmers facing pandemic-related market shortages and losses. These products are distributed to food pantries with the help of numerous community-based organizations, which in turn sustains our farms and ranches.

To date, the Farmers Feeding Utah campaign has collected over 1.5 million pounds of food, worth over \$3.2 million, from donations by individuals and organizations passionate about alleviating hunger. These extraordinary acts of kindness have provided nutritional relief to more than 23,000 Utah families along the Wasatch front, northern Utah, the Navajo Nation, and across southern and rural Utah.

The success of this initiative underscores Utah's excellence in fielding solutions to complex problems, to the

benefit of individuals and families in need. The collaboration of diverse partners across the agriculture industry, health sector, and religious and academic institutions highlights our State's esteemed tradition of charity. In addition to the Utah Farm Bureau Federation, partners like Utah State University's Hunger Solutions Institute and Create Better Health programs, the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food, the Farm Bureau Financial Services, the Utah Petroleum Association, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and scores of generous Utah companies and individuals have provided invaluable support to this effort.

There is more work to be done, which is why the Farmers Feeding Utah program continues to organize food drives and deliver critical assistance in cities all over Utah. With every additional meal donated to a hungry family, our Utah family grows ever stronger. Thank you to all involved in this tremendous public-private service initiative, with special gratitude for the strong leadership of Ron "The Milkman" Gibson as Farm Bureau president. Keep up the great work.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 144. An act to forestall the loss of research talent by establishing a temporary early career research fellowship program.

H.R. 204. An act to direct the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to carry out programs and activities to ensure that Federal science agencies and institutions of higher education receiving Federal research and development funding are fully engaging their entire talent pool, and for other purposes.

H.R. 210. An act to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on STEM education and workforce development in rural areas, including the development and application of new technologies to support and improve rural STEM education, and for other purposes.

H.R. 240. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to prioritize the provision of services to homeless veterans with dependents in carrying out homeless veterans reintegration programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 707. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters, Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company, in recognition of their unique and highly distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II.

H.R. 711. An act to amend the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 to authorize the use of certain funds received pursuant to leases entered into under such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1157. An act to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1447. An act to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009 to establish an Ocean